

OPINION 2285 (Case 3474)***Aplonis* Gould, 1836 (Aves; STURNIDAE): spelling conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled to conserve the widely accepted spelling *Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836 for the Indo-Australasian glossy starlings (STURNIDAE) by suppression of the prior but little-used spelling *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the generic name *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation *Aplonis marginata* Gould, 1836, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *marginata* Gould, 1836, as published in the binomen *Aplonis marginata* (specific name of the type species of *Aplonis* Gould, 1836), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3474

An application to conserve the widely accepted spelling *Aplonis* Gould, 18 October 1836 for the Indo-Australasian glossy starlings (STURNIDAE) by suppression of the prior but little-used spelling *Aplornis* Gould, [1 or 3 October] 1836 was received from Richard Schodde (*Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra City, Australia*) and Walter J. Bock (*Columbia University, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) on 6 August 2008. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 66: 56–63 (March 2009). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 2 March 2010 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 66: 59. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2010 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 25: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Minelli, Ng, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Pape.

Pyle and Zhang were on leave of absence.